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Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application #: 09/976,710  
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Dear Commissioner:

I hereby request an extension of time for filing the additional item requested in the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers. The due date for filing the additional item was January 15, 2002. The reason for the extension is that I was out of the country in December 2001 and was not able to complete the abstract. A check for \$55 for the extension fee is enclosed.

Enclosed is the abstract for the above-referenced application that is requested in the enclosed Notice to File Corrected Application Papers. Please contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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